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GRANULAR SURFACES)

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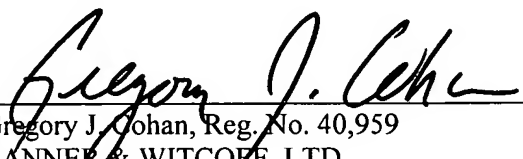
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	AC	4,259,792	04/07/81	Halberstadt	36	28	07/27/79
	AD	4,309,831	01/12/82	Pritt	36	3R	01/24/80
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES	NO
	AK	FR 1,434,840	06/22/96	France				X
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AM	U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/688,369, filed on October 17, 2003

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